

# STORMWATER TASK FORCE



# WHAT IS “STORMWATER”?

- STORMWATER REFERS TO WATER THAT RUNS OFF AFTER A RAIN OR SNOW STORM PICKING UP LITTER, BACTERIA, CHEMICALS, SAND, AND OTHER DEBRIS AS IT FLOWS OVER THE LAND AND INTO STORM DRAINS AND WATER BODIES.
- IT CARRIES THESE POLLUTANTS TO OUR STREAMS, LAKES, & WETLANDS.
- CLEANER STORMWATER RUNOFF MEANS CLEANER WATER FOR DRINKING, SWIMMING, FISHING, BOATING AND FOR PROTECTING WILDLIFE.
- BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR LANDSCAPE, WE ALL CONTRIBUTE TO STORMWATER POLLUTION.
- SIMPLY BY PUTTING FEWER POLLUTANTS ON THE LAND, WE CAN HELP KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN, AND IN TURN, IMPROVE OUR LOCAL WATER QUALITY. BY GREENING OUR STORMWATER HABITS, WE CAN KEEP OUR WATERWAYS BLUE!

# MISSION STATEMENT

- THE STORMWATER TASK FORCE IS CHARGED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT COMPLIES WITH STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PROVIDES A STORM AND SURFACE WATER SYSTEM THAT CONTROLS DAMAGE FROM STORMS, PROTECTS SURFACE WATER QUALITY AND PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT. THE PLAN SHALL DETERMINE WHICH LOCAL AGENCY OR AGENCIES WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION, ESTABLISH THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROGRAM, AS WELL AS PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AN ONGOING FUNDING SOURCE TO ENABLE ITS SUCCESS.

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# ABOUT THE SWTF

- CREATED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN; FIRST MEETING JANUARY 2016
- MASS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OUTLINED THE NEW MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT AT THAT MEETING.
- JOINED THE CENTRAL MASS REGIONAL STORMWATER COALITION JULY 2016
- BEGAN WORKING WITH DESIGN CONSULTANTS, INC., NOVEMBER 2016, TO CREATE & FILE THE NEW MS4 PERMIT BY OCTOBER 2017.
- CONTINUOUSLY WORKING TO PLAN EDUCATION & OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC
- STRIVE TO INVOLVE ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN THE DISCUSSION; ENCOURAGE RESIDENT PARTICIPATION!

# MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT

EPA HAS DEFINED THE FOLLOWING SIX “MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURES” THAT ARE TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE MS 4 PERMIT:

- 1. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH
- 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT
- 3. ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION
- 4. CONSTRUCTION SITE RUNOFF CONTROL
- 5. POST-CONSTRUCTION RUNOFF CONTROL
- 6. POLLUTION PREVENTION/GOOD HOUSEKEEPING FOR MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

# WHAT YOU CAN DO

- CREATE RAIN GARDENS TO GET STORMWATER BACK INTO THE GROUND.





# USE A RAIN BARREL

## *Two Great Ways to Save in the Garden*



**SYSTEM Rain Barrel**  
55 gallon capacity

**PICK UP  
YOURS  
TODAY**



**Earth Machine™ Compost Bin**  
80 gallon capacity

Rain Barrel \$56.00	Compost Bins \$43.00
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NOTE: units will fit in the back seat of most cars.

Rain Barrels & Compost Bins are available for pick up at  
the Lunenburg DPW on Chase Road,  
from 8am to 2pm, Monday through Friday.

Payments must be made in  
cash or check, made out to the

**Town of Lunenburg.**

Reservations will not be accepted; first come, first served.

Did you know that for each inch of rain falling on a 1,000 sq. ft. roof, a rain barrel captures up to 600 gallons of rainwater for use on your lawn and gardens?

Did you know that if 250 residents of our community actively compost, we could divert over 50 tons of organic debris from our garbage every year?



**USE FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDES SPARINGLY**



**LEARN MORE AT:**

**CENTRAL MASS REGIONAL STORMWATER COALITION  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT TOOLBOX**

**[HTTP://CENTRALMASTORMWATER.ORG/PAGES/CRSC TOOLBOX/DOCUMENTS](http://CENTRALMASTORMWATER.ORG/PAGES/CRSC_TOOLBOX/DOCUMENTS)**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT**

**[HTTP://DES.NH.GOV/ORGANIZATION/COMMISSIONER/PIP/PUBLICATIONS/WD/DOCUMENTS/WD-11-11.PDF](http://DES.NH.GOV/ORGANIZATION/COMMISSIONER/PIP/PUBLICATIONS/WD/DOCUMENTS/WD-11-11.PDF)**



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